

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

May 11, 2024

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Mark Dawkins, N4CMD at 9:35 AM at the RCEM training room.

April 13, 2024 minutes were read and Treasury Report given by James Bullard, KC4ZIE. Motion to approve by Tim Martin, N4TDM and seconded by Fred Lathan, KG4GSA, all approved.

Old Business:

In old business, Mark Dawkins, N4CMD asked for a show of hands of who plans to participate in the 2024 club Field Day event that is scheduled to be held on the last weekend of June. Mark stated that he has battery backup power using Anderson power pole connectors.

Mark Gibson, N4MQU added that he can contact people in the S.T.E.M program to see if they wanted to come out and try making some G.O.T.A. contacts.

Mike Litty, KA4AMP, gave an update on his access to the club website and future plans and possible changes that can be made.

New Business:

Mark Gibson gave a reminder that the next test session is to be held on July 20, 2024. Mark also stated that additional dates can be added if the need were to arise.

President Mark Dawkins and Mike Litty gave the club an update on the tablets that are used during the test sessions and that the tablets were supplied for testing at no cost to the club.

President Mark Dawkins proposed that the Testing team be rolled into the RCARC club and that the club will be able to sponsor the team and help cover any financial needs that may come up. Mark Gibson agreed to still be the coordinator and leader for the Team with Mike Litty as Deputy coordinator. Tim Martin made a motion that those changes be adopted and the motion was seconded by Fred Lathan. Vote was taken and all approved.

Tim Martin brought up the need for a new member handout or packet. He suggested that it may include popular websites for equipment or material purchases that pertain to the Ham Radio hobby or rules and proper conduct on the ham bands and repeaters. Tim suggested that it could be called a Welcome Packet and called for anyone to add information that might be useful to new hams. Mike Litty added that the information does not need to be printed and that it could be added as a new section to the club website

Being no further business, President Mark Dawkins adjourned the meeting at 10:30am. Motion by Mike Litty and seconded by Tim Martin.

Everyone is encouraged to invite anyone interested in radio to join us at the meetings and any club function.

There were 10 people present

Meeting was followed by an informal ragchew session.